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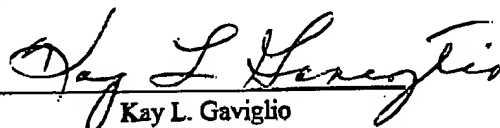
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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

David Estell &amp; Fiona Harding

Serial No.: 09/062,872

Filed: April 14, 1998

For: Mutant Proteins Having Lower  
Allergenic Response in Humans and  
Methods for Constructing, Identifying  
and Producing Such Proteins

Group Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: D. Saunders

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 30, 2000, the Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

### In the Claims.

Please amend the claims as follows. A marked up version of pending claims (after entry of these amendments) is given in Appendix I.

13. A method of reducing the allergenicity of a protein comprising the steps of:

(a) identifying a T-cell epitope in said protein by

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